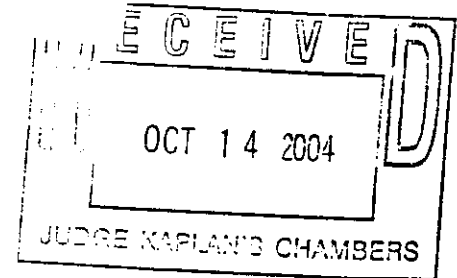


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP OWNERS
MUTUAL PROTECTION AND
INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.,

Plaintiff,

- against -

Alcoa Steamship Co., Inc.
and the Other Entities Listed on Exhibit A
attached to the Second Amended Complaint

Defendants.

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PARTIAL
NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

Plaintiff, American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association, Inc. ("Plaintiff") hereby voluntarily dismisses the captioned action as against Nicor, Inc. ("Defendant") without prejudice pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(i) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff reserves the right to recommence this action or commence another action against Defendant, in the event that Defendant seeks indemnity from or otherwise asserts claims against Plaintiff in respect of IBNR occupational

diseases under any insurance policies Plaintiff issued to Defendant's alleged predecessors
(National Marine Service Inc. and Lake Tankers Corporation) prior to February 20, 1989.

Dated: October 5, 2004



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SO ORDERED:



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